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OUR MERRILL-COVELL PEDIGREE

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S M I T H. S a m u e l

(Concerning the Smiths, Stiles, in his Ancient Wethersfield, says: "And now we come to the SAMUELS, of whom there were more in Wethersfield at about the same period than were necessary or conducive to the happiness of the genealogist. . . First, there was. . .")

1. SAMUEL¹ SMITH, always called "Lieut." in the Hadley Records, but always spoken of on Wethersfield Records as "the Fellmonger." He was born about 1602, probably in England, and he died in December of 1680 at Hadley, Massachusetts, aged 78. His inventory was taken 17 January 1680/1.

The wife of Samuel Smith has often been erroneously called Elizabeth Chileab, but the parish register of St. Margaret's, Whatfield, Suffolk, England, shows the marriage on 6 October 1624 of "Samuel Smyth and Elizabeth Smyth," and the baptism of their son Samuel the next year. Names and ages of other children baptized at Hadleigh, Suffolk, three miles south of Whatfield, match exactly with the family which came to New England, so it is evident that Elizabeth was a Smith before her marriage. Nothing is known of her parents, but she was born about 1602 and died 16 March 1686 at South Hadley, Massachusetts, aged 84.

Samuel and Elizabeth, each aged 32, with their children Samuel, 9, Elizabeth, 7, Mary, 4, and Philip, 1, sailed from Ipswich on 30 April 1634 on the "Elizabeth," landing at Watertown, Massachusetts, where he was made freeman in September of that year. They went to Wethersfield in late 1634 or 1635, where Samuel, as a fellmonger, was a tanner and dealer in hides, probably also a fur trader. He took up a homestead on Broad Street, and was a representative to the General Court from 1637 to 1656. He built and was part owner of the "Tryal," the first ship built in the Connecticut Colony.

In 1659 or 60 he removed to Hadley, Massachusetts, where he earned his title there by serving as lieutenant from 1663 to 1679. He held important offices in the church and in the state, serving as representative often between 1661 and 1673, as a magistrate, etc.

Children:

- i. Samuel, bp. 8 February 1625/6 at Whatfield; m. Elizabeth Smith, by whom he was divorced for desertion after he went to Virginia about 1664
- ii. ELIZABETH, bp. 28 January 1627 at Hadleigh; m. (1) Nathaniel Foote (q.v.), (2) William Gull
- iii. Mary, bp. 9 October 1628 at Hadleigh; m. John Graves